

### **Milk and Milk-Based Products**

South Africa is requiring all export certificates for dairy products from the United States to be on the same letterhead. Therefore, please use only the exact attached certificate on Riverdale letterhead for exports of milk and milk-based products to South Africa.



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## VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

- I. Exporter (Name and address):
- II. Description of Dairy Products (Information supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter):
- IV. Product Destination (Information supplied by the Manufacturer or Exporter)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a veterinarian authorized thereto by the  
controlling veterinary authority of the United States hereby certify that the milk or  
milk-based product(s) mentioned on above:

1. Was produced from either (check as appropriate):

\_\_\_ 1.1 milk or milk-based products, derived from animals kept in herds in the  
country mentioned on the overleaf (the exporting country who must  
give certification for the product) which were not under restrictions  
due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest;

**or**

\_\_\_ 1.2 milk or milk-based products, legally imported into the country, from  
facilities in the European Community registered for trade within the  
Community (complying with all the relevant European Community  
Directives) or Norway, which were not under restrictions due to  
foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest;

**or**

\_\_\_ 1.3 milk or milk-based products, legally imported into the exporting country,  
from one or more of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia,  
Switzerland, United States of America and Canada.

2. Was processed at an officially approved manufacturing plant and subjected to one  
of the following processes before being introduced onto South African territory:



Either (check as appropriate):

- \_\_\_ 2.1 In the case of milk or milk-based products originating from areas where no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred within the last 12 months and where vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease have not been carried out in the last 12 months:
- 2.1.1 ultra high temperature treatment at 132°C for 1 second; and/or
  - 2.1.2 pasteurized at 72°C for 15 seconds or 60°C for 30 minutes; and/or
  - 2.1.3 heat sterilized for 30 minutes at a pressure of 15 lbs (100kPa); and/or
  - 2.1.4 an acidification process such that the pH value is lowered and kept below 6 for at least one hour.

**or**

- \_\_\_ 2.2 In the case of milk or milk-based products originating from areas where an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred within the last 12 months or which have carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease in the last 12 months:
- 2.2.1 ultra high temperature treatment at 132°C for 1 second; and/or
  - 2.2.2 an initial heat treatment having an effect at least equivalent to that achieved by pasteurization at a temperature of at least 72°C for at least 15 seconds, so as to produce a negative reaction to the phosphatase test, followed by:
    - (i) a second heat treatment involving high-temperature pasteurization, UHT or sterilization, so as to produce a negative reaction to the peroxidase test; or
    - (ii) in the case of milk-powder or a dry milk-based product, a second heat treatment having an effect at least equivalent to that achieved by the first heat treatment, so as to produce a negative reaction to the phosphatase test, followed by a drying process; or
    - (iii) an acidification process such that the pH value is lowered and kept below 6 for at least one hour.

3. Do not contain any products derived from animals other than milk or milk-based products.

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4. Do not, to the best of my knowledge and belief, constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Date)

Stamp \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of official veterinarian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in capital letters, qualification and title)